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Commissioners and County Attorneys:

If any one is wondering whether I am still providing land use advice, courtesy of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the answer is **YES**—at least until July 1, 2009.

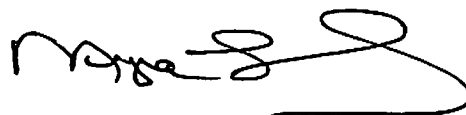
Before I leave this job I will try to follow up with you, to make sure you have updated your subdivision regulations after the 2005 legislative session. I have heard that the justification for not doing so is: if we have a subdivision, we will just follow state law. **That doesn't work.**

If you have not updated your subdivision regulations, we will have a longer conversation.

My obsession with all our insured counties adopting subdivision regulations stems from the mandatory requirement found in §76-3-501, MCA, that “the governing body of every county . . . shall adopt and provide for the enforcement and administration of subdivision regulations . . .” JPIA is most concerned that its insureds follow the law.

Feel free to call or e-mail me with your questions.

Very truly yours,



Myra L. Shults